



COUNCIL MINUTES

May 18, 2015

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on May 18, 2015 at 5:01 p.m.

| COUNCIL PRESENT | COUNCIL ABSENT | OFFICERS PRESENT |
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| John Giles Alex Finter Christopher Glover Dennis Kavanaugh David Luna Dave Richins Kevin Thompson | None | Christopher Brady Debbie Spinner Agnes Goodwine |

1. Review items on the agenda for the May 18, 2015 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflict of interest: None

Items deleted from the consent agenda: None

2-a. Hear a presentation, discuss and provide direction on modifications to the Buzz Transit Route.

Transit Services Director Jodi Sorrell displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Buzz service modifications in FY 15/16. (**See Attachment 1**) She explained that the Buzz transit service is the local circulator that runs between downtown and west Mesa and referenced maps showing both the current and proposed routes. (See Page 2 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Sorrell reported that staff is proposing a pilot program from October 26, 2015 through April 24, 2016 that will re-route the Buzz transit to connect the downtown Mesa area with the Riverview commercial area. She said that the approximate cost of the pilot is \$64,000, which will be funded from the savings realized in bus service improvements at the start of the light rail operations. She further remarked that depending on when light rail opens, the projected savings will be between \$97,000 and \$125,000 per year and noted that the money will be reprogrammed from the Alma School route to the Buzz route. She added that the Buzz modification would be part of the Valley Metro service change process, which will be evaluated at the end of the pilot program. She indicated that staff would perform targeted outreach on the bus Thursday, soliciting feedback from the public. (See Page 3 of Attachment 1)

City Manager Christopher Brady commented that a similar pilot program was performed on the east side of Mesa during the winter months, when more residents were seeking out opportunities to travel to shopping districts.

Mayor Giles thanked Ms. Sorrell for the update.

2-b. Hear a presentation and discuss an overview of the Environmental Compliance Fee.

Office of Management and Budget Director Candace Cannistraro introduced Transportation Department Director Lenny Hulme and provided an overview of the Environmental Compliance Fee. (**See Attachment 2**) She pointed out that the fee is a set amount that is applied once to a utility account customer, despite the number of services provided at the same location (i.e., water, wastewater, electric, gas).

Ms. Cannistraro stated that the current rate is \$7.32 per month per account and is anticipated to generate \$14.8 million in revenue in FY 15/16, which covers the federal and state mandates that the City must adhere to. She reviewed the expenses associated with air quality, storm water, hazardous material, and other compliance areas for FY 14/15 and those proposed in FY 15/16. (See Page 3 of Attachment 2)

Ms. Cannistraro explained that the difference between the FY 14/15 budget and the proposed budget for FY 15/16 was mostly due to one-time purchases related to storm drain pumps. She clarified that some of those costs were budgeted in FY 14/15 and carried over due to the fact that the projects are not yet completed. She added that another \$1 million was added next year for new expenditures related to storm drain pumps.

In response to a question from City Manager Christopher Brady, Mr. Hulme described the proposed expenses for storm drain pump maintenance and replacements. He explained that some pumps have reached the 25-year lifecycle and others are being upgraded for better maintenance and redundancy. He noted that cameras and lighting devices are being added as well to manage the pumps remotely.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Richins, Ms. Cannistraro clarified that part of the Environmental Compliance fee includes a small portion for one-time expenses that have been planned for with savings throughout the year. She pointed out that the ongoing expenses included in the proposed budget for FY 15/16 are consistent with the FY 14/15 adopted budget. She remarked that in 2011, the Council directed staff to fully fund the environmental mandates and said that prior to that time, a small fee covered only a portion of the mandates.

Councilmember Richins complimented staff on how well the retention basins are maintained. He said that he has received positive feedback from Mesa residents who appreciate that the basins are once again being used as parks.

Mayor Giles thanked staff for the presentation.

3. Hear reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

Mayor Giles: Visited Apple Inc. in Cupertino, California
 GPEC and U.S. Conference of Mayors trip to Washington, D.C.
 Met with Boeing officials and Congressional District representatives

Councilmember Glover: Kick-off for Mendoza Field
Top Cops Week in Washington, D.C.

Councilmember Luna: Diversity Luncheon

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, May 21, 2015, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Friday, May 22, 2015, 7:30 a.m. – Coffee with Councilmembers at Sheraton Mesa at
Wrigleyville West

Saturday, May 23, 2015, 11:00 a.m. – Mesa Aquatics Complex Dedication

Thursday, June 11, 2015 – Study Session (Cancelled)

5. Convene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Vice Mayor Kavanaugh, that the Council adjourn the Study Session at 5:18 p.m. and enter into Executive Session.

Carried unanimously.

5-a. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney. (A.R.S. §38-431.03A (3)) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the City in order to consider the City's position and instruct the City's representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale, or lease of real property. (A.R.S. §38-431.03A (7)) Discussion or consultation with the City Attorney in order to consider the City's position and instruct the City Attorney regarding the City's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation. (A.R.S. §38-431.03A (4))

1. Mesa Regional Fire and Medical Dispatch Center and Emergency Operations Center.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Executive Session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

JOHN GILES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

AGNES GOODWINE, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 18th day of May, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

AGNES GOODWINE, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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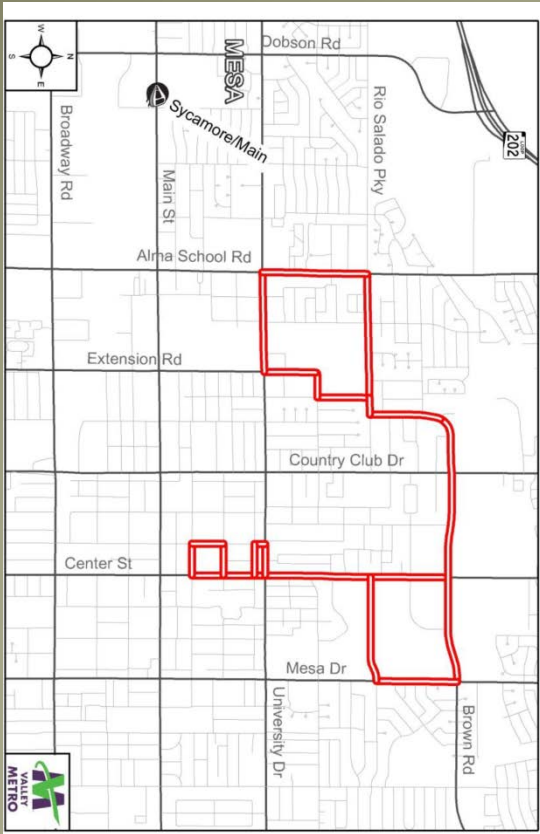
FY 15/16 Transit Services Proposed Buzz Modification

City Council Study Session

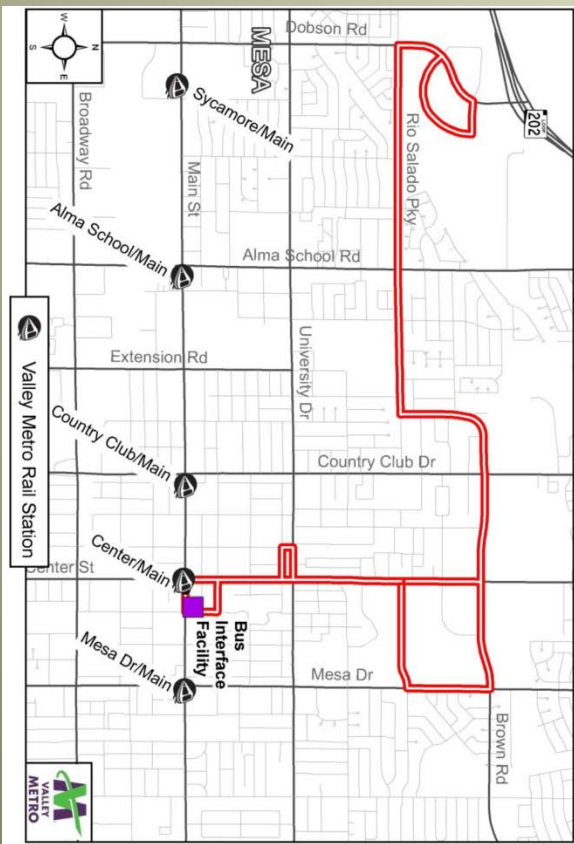
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Proposed Buzz Modification

Current Route - BUZZ



Proposed Route - BUZZ



Buzz Modification

- Pilot Project between October 26, 2015 and April 24, 2016
- Approximate Cost: \$64,000
- Funding will come from savings realized in bus service improvements at the start of light rail operations
- Part of Valley Metro Service Change process
 - Public comment period and public hearing
 - Targeted outreach will be done on the portion of the route proposed for elimination

Questions

City of Mesa

Environmental Compliance Fee

May 18, 2015

Presented by the Office of Management and Budget



Environmental Compliance Fee

The Environmental Compliance Fee is a set amount applied to each utility account customer to meet the projected costs of Federal and State environmental mandates.

The current rate is \$7.32 per month per account. If a customer has multiple services at the same location, the fee is applied only once.

The current fee is anticipated to generate \$14.8 million in revenue in FY15/16. The fee funds the city's environmental activities such as:

- Air Quality, Storm Water Quality, Hazardous Waste Management, and Asbestos Management.



Associated Expenses

| | 14/15 Adopted Budget | 15/16 Proposed Budget | 15/16 FTE |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Air Quality | \$894,419 | \$829,158 | 2.45 |
| Stormwater | | | |
| Street Cleaning | \$2,784,519 | \$2,928,346 | 7.00 |
| Basin Maintenance | \$6,125,541 | \$6,356,027 | 16.90 |
| Storm Drain Maintenance | \$1,911,000 | \$3,708,217 | 4.51 |
| Hazardous Material / Asbestos | \$805,589 | \$816,116 | 1.88 |
| Other Compliance Areas, Oversight, Enforcement | \$2,349,622 | \$2,410,661 | 10.15 |
| | \$14,870,690 | \$17,048,525 | 42.89 |

- FY 15/16 includes \$2.0M for replacement water pumps for retention basins as well as \$300,000 for wash racks and other miscellaneous on-time expenses.
- The on-going expenses included in the FY 15/16 proposed budget are consistent with the FY 14/15 adopted budget.

